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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. JOHN STEELMAN, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: Former Hungarian Prime Minister Nagy's Proposal to
the President for Central-East European Study Group

REFERENCE: Memorandum from The White House, dated January 10, 1952

1. The President passed Mr. Nagy's memorandum to me. Following study by our area specialists and officials of the Department of State, we are passing Nagy's proposal on to the National Committee for a Free Europe. Although Mr. Nagy presents some meritorious ideas, his alignment of emigre groups cuts across and duplicates to a considerable extent some of the organisations already active and doing a good job. For this reason, his proposal must be considered not only on its intrinsic worth, but in the light of the effect any new grouping might have on the present set-up.

2. A specialist in emigre affairs will discuss the proposal fully with Nagy and see that Nagy's views are given every consideration.

Walter R. Smith
WALTER R. SMITH
Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1952

Memorandum for: Honorable Walter Bedell Smith
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

From: The President

Attached is a memorandum from the former Prime Minister of Hungary, who now lives in Virginia and is running a farm down there.

I think you will want to look into this memorandum.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. S. Truman".